

**Interview Summary**

Application No.

09/027,089

Examiner

Jehanne Souaya

Applicant(s)

Frank Portugal

Group Art Unit

1655

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Jehanne Souaya(3) Frank Portugal(2) Lisa Arthur(4) David KulikDate of Interview 5/18/00Type:  Telephonic  Personal (copy is given to  applicant  applicant's representative).Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted:  Yes  If yes, brief description:Agreement  was reached.  was not reached.Claim(s) discussed: 1-8

Identification of prior art discussed:

Kohne et al  
Cilia et al

Description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

- Amending the claims to more specifically point out the importance of the washing Tm in the hybridization assay
- including functional language in the probe claims

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments, if available, which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments which would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

1.  It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview.

Unless the paragraph above has been checked to indicate to the contrary, A FORMAL WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION IS NOT WAIVED AND MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a response to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW.

2.  Since the Examiner's interview summary above (including any attachments) reflects a complete response to each of the objections, rejections and requirements that may be present in the last Office action, and since the claims are now allowable, this completed form is considered to fulfill the response requirements of the last Office action. Applicant is not relieved from providing a separate record of the interview unless box 1 above is also checked.

Jehanne Souaya  
5/18/00

Examiner Note: You must sign and stamp this form unless it is an attachment to a signed Office action.